

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 507 - HB 546

March 10, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the “Insurance Costs Reduction Act” which requires the Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance to convene a working group of representatives from the healthcare liability insurance industry and healthcare providers to study recent trends concerning various issues affecting the insurance industry. The working group will receive input from the healthcare liability insurance industry, the Department of Health, the Department of Commerce and Insurance, the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, healthcare providers, and patients.

The working group shall submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations by January 1, 2016, at which time the group will terminate and cease to exist. The report will be submitted to the Governor, the House of Representatives Insurance and Banking Committee and the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The total number of individuals in and the exact make-up of the working group are unknown. It is assumed any participation in the working group will be voluntary and travel cost for the members from the industries included to participate will be borne by private entities.
- The Department of Commerce and Insurance can collect the necessary information and provide necessary administrative support to the working group without incurring a significant increase in expenditures. Any increase can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

IMPACT TO COMMERCE:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumption:

- Any expenditures incurred by healthcare liability insurance industry representatives and health care providers to participate in the working group and to provide information to assist in the reporting requirements of the bill will not be significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "S".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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